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Missing Man Linked to Purchases

Rochester Dealers Reveal Sales in Bomber Export Trial

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Two brothers testified in Federal Court Friday that two Rochester companies sold and delivered B-26 parts in the summer of 1965 to the missing defendant in an alleged unlawful exporting conspiracy.

Besides some B-26 technical manuals, the parts included a fuel tank, Norden bomb sights and machinegun accessories.

The government witnesses were Jack S. Bachman, sales manager, and Gerome H. Bachman, warehouse manager, for Surplus World & Morris Diamond Associates Inc.

Jack Bachman said sales were made to Gregory Board and his company, Aero Associates Inc., by the related Rochester firms. He said the last sale was a cash transaction for \$2600 on Sept. 10, 1965.

Board, named in the indictment charging seven B-26 craft and related armaments were exported to Portugal without proper U. S. licensing, has not been located.

"Board said he was buying spare parts for his airplanes," Jack Bachman testified, noting that Board did not say they were to be exported.

Mr. Bachman said the Rochester transactions were domestic sales and a State Department

export license would have had to be obtained "by the person who was going to actually export them to a foreign country."

Asked by Defense Attorney Edwin Marger if the Rochester firm had been investigated by U. S. government agencies about other shipments that turned up in foreign countries, Jack Bachman said: "Yes, but not for B-26 material."

In response to another question by Mr. Marger, he said the Rochester firms had made sales to the U. S. Air Force but not to the Central Intelligence Agency.

Gerome H. Bachman testified he delivered a fuel tank for installation and a B-26 at the Rochester airport on Memorial Day 1965.

He said he delivered and loaded a shipment of parts aboard a C-46 cargo plane in September. That loading was delayed, he added, when the defendant, John R. Hawke told him that Federal Aviation Agency inspectors were aboard, checking the aircraft.

When the loading began, Mr. Bachman said, "U. S. Customs men were on the plane watching us."

Another government witness Friday was Raymond J. Miller, an employe of Page Airways Inc., a Rochester Aircraft Sales Service business.

Noting that on June 1, 1965 he asked the defendant John R. Hawke about the B-26 aircraft, Mr. Miller said:

"Hawke told me he was taking them to Montreal where some outfit was going to convert them to executive aircraft."

The defendants are: Hawke, 28, a former British RAF pilot residing in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; Henri Marie Francois de Marin de Montmarin, 58, a French count, and Woodrow W. Roderick, 47, a Winnepeg, Man., businessman.

One defendant, Gregory R. Board, 45, of Tucson, has not been apprehended.

After a two hour morning session, the trial recessed until Tuesday.